

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: January 6, 2020

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Town Hall
Egremont

Present at the table were Chairman George McGurn, Vice-Chair Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen, Board member Mary Brazie.

Others in attendance: Marj Wexler, Mary McGurn, Ted Remsnyder(Berkshire Record), Eileen Vining and for parts of the meeting Juliette Haas, Helen Krancer, Ezra Parzybok, and Morris Partee.

It was announced that the meeting is video and audio recorded.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the December 16, 2019 meeting were accepted as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman McGurn announced that the Town would not only be participating in the FY 20 CDBG housing rehab grant but will be the lead administrative town. More details will be given at a public hearing to be held on January 21 at 6pm.

Chairman McGurn will attend the January 30 3rd Thursday BRPC dinner, along with 3 members of the Green Committee, at which the topic of discussion will be electric cars and charging stations.

The Board voted unanimously to establish a summer seasonal population for the ABCC at 5000.

The Board voted unanimously to re-appoint Brian Shaw as a police officer for road details.

Mr. Parzybok of Greenglove Consulting, and Morris Partee, asked the Board to negotiate a Host Community Agreement for a retail marijuana licence somewhere along Route 23. The Board noted that all HCA's are in abeyance per recommendation of Legal Counsel Jeremia Pollard. Mr. Parzybok and Mr. Partee were advised to speak with Attorney Jeremia Pollard.

Chairman McGurn will attend the January 15 BRPC meeting regarding Municipal and School IT. Jeff Lazarus and Rolfe Tessem will be asked to attend if they are able.

Chairman McGurn noted how important the 2020 Census is, especially for those who are generally under counted. It was also noted the Census Bureau has many part-time, well paying jobs available. Information will continue to be disseminated as to the importance of the count and the need for workers. Mary McGurn suggested that information be made available to seniors at the upcoming luncheon.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board voted unanimously to release its right of first refusal on the VanZon property.

The Marijuana Host Community Agreement for Sparkboro Corporations is still in abeyance.

The Board voted unanimously to sign and then did sign the contract with DEP for the Materials Recycling Facility.

FOLLOW UPS/UPDATES:

The next meeting of the School District Consolidation group is scheduled for Tuesday the 7th.

The Holidays made it very hard to move either the Town's agreement with Fiber Connect, or the MBI agreement, forward. The Board agreed that it made sense to amend the town's agreement with Fiber Connect so that it is effective upon the signing of the agreement with MBI.

Mary McGurn asked if the Board had any documents it could release to Monterey to help them in their attempt to negotiate with Fiber Connect. It was suggested that Monterey request them through the Public Records Access Officer or speak directly to Legal Counsel Jeremia Pollard as he is counsel for both Egremont and Monterey.

Mary McGurn reported that Fiber Connect wanted to install broadband at the Library on Wednesday, January 8 at 8am. Office Administrator Brazie will coordinate someone being there.

The Board awaits final word from Mount Washington that the new numbering system has been implemented.

Office Administrator Brazie will contact Mark Moore at MassDOT to set up a meeting to discuss the Town's concerns regarding the Route 23/41 reconstruction project.

SELECTBOARD ITEMS:

Chairman McGurn will speak with Richard Allen and David Seligman, chair of the Bylaw Review Committee, to try to clear up the confusion over Richard Allen's role on the Committee.

Vice-chair Vermeulen reported that she was told by Post Office employees that the owner of the South Egremont Post Office wants to put in 6 storage units for rent. Concerns are that there isn't the appropriate space and that this is inappropriate use in our historic district. It seems that the owner may not be familiar with the property as he resides in California.

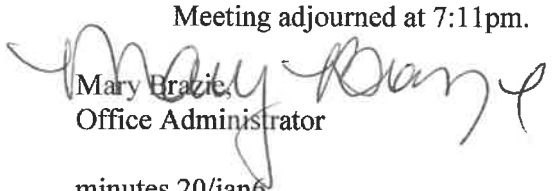
Vice-Chair Vermeulen asked about a get well card for Tom Reynolds. The card has been circulated and awaits her signature.

Vice-chairman Vermeulen asked that the BRPC recent email about the TIP program be included on the next agenda.

FY 21 BUDGET/TOWN MEETING:

The Board agreed that it would conduct budget review at morning meetings beginning January 28 at 10am and meeting every Tuesday morning at 10am until completed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.


Mary Brazie
Office Administrator

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